REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Applicants amend claims 1, 18 and 23-25. Further, Applicants add new claims 43-44. The claim amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter is added by their entry.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 23 were objected to on page 3 of the Office Action because of informalities and typographic errors. Applicants thank the Examiner for providing suggestions for amending the claims. Claims 1 and 23 are amended in accordance thereto. Thus, this objection is moot and should be withdrawn.

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Claims 1, 8-15, 17-20 and 23-25 were rejected as allegedly not enabled by the specification. Applicants traverse. Applicants note, with appreciation, that the Examiner provided detailed suggestions for overcoming this rejection in her Office Action of July 10, 2008. Solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants amend the claims and add new claims according to the Examiner's detailed suggestions on pages 4-9 of the Office Action. Since the present claims are fully enabled by the disclosure as originally filed, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claim 17 was rejected as allegedly indefinite because it depended on canceled claim 16. Applicants have corrected this typographical error by amending claim 17 to depend on pending claim 1. Thus, this rejection is moot and its withdrawal is requested.

Claim 18 and 23 were rejected as allegedly incomplete for omitting essential steps. Applicants traverse. In particular, the Office Action alleges that the claims were incomplete because a step of inducing a hypertensive condition was omitted. Solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants amend the claims to recite a step involving inducing a hypertensive condition. Thus, this rejection is moot and its withdrawal is requested.

Conclusion

Having fully responded to the pending Office Action, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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